



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission April 06, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, April 06, 6:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
William "Bill" Blair
Phillip Kraft
Michelle Loposky
Chantele Carr
Timothy Rogers
Alfred Trevino
Celia Sadhu

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Cameron Johnson

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director
Terrisa Mays, City of Tempe

Guests Present:

Sean Green, City of Tempe

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of February 02, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE March 02, 2021 minutes by Commission Member Bill Blair

SECOND: Motion seconded by Vice Chair Abe McCann

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Bill Blair, Phillip Kraft, Michelle Loposky, and Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu, Timothy Rogers, and Alfred Trevino
ABSENT: Commission Member Cameron Johnson

Agenda Item 5 – Chair's Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomed everyone and thanked commission members for their efforts and contributions. Discusses schedule and access to COVID -19 vaccinations.

Agenda Item 6 – Introduction of New Commission Member, Celia Sadhu

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomes new Commission Member, Celia Sadhu. Celia introduces herself to the Commission, and was contracted to work with the military in cybersecurity, engineering, and networking at Fort Meade and Yuma, Arizona.

Agenda Item 7 – Care 7 Presentation - Timothy Rogers, City of Tempe and Sean Green, City of Tempe

Timothy Rogers and Sean Green from crisis response team Care 7 present on the Veteran and High Intensity Client Services they provide. Care 7 is in the Human Services Department of the City of Tempe, in the Social Service Division. Care 7 is a multi-faceted work group that works to address human service needs of Tempe residents. Care 7 has a Mobile Crisis Unit and mobile victim advocacy van which are both dispatched through 911 provides on-scene crisis support and safety planning; Victim Services which assists with investigative processes, case notifications and follow up, on going safety planning and support and community referrals; Veterans and High Intensity Client Services that provide veterans services, outreach and follow-up, community referrals, and coordinates care with outside agencies; Counseling Program for victim specific counseling, RVC mental health evaluations, and referrals for support groups; Youth Specialists that provide emotional support and community referrals in high schools and middle schools; In-Office Call Triage that provides warm handoffs to other areas of Care 7; and a Trauma Informed Care Trainer that provides trainings and presentations to police and fire departments, schools and other city departments. Care 7 has three apartments and a house for victims of domestic violence that have nowhere to go and allows them to assist in facilitation of any legal process. Veteran and High Intensity Client Services is contacted when a veteran makes contact with Care 7. They provide long-term supportive and navigation services to individuals and families referred by the crisis team, Tempe Human Services, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, Tempe Police Department, Patient Advocacy Services, other city departments and community partners. Assessments/ intakes are conducted for individuals in need of services. Referrals are made to community agencies for a variety of services needs including VA benefits, medical, mental health, senior and youth services. Also provides services to defendants in East Valley Regional Veterans Court. There are a plethora of case management services that are offered and include: bus passes, food boxes, financial counselor is available through Care 7, Veteran visits, and community resources for medical and mental health. Timothy and Sean shared case statistics that denote effectiveness of program for veterans. Jeremy Farr extends thanks for presentation and lends support to Care 7, Timothy and Sean that the Commission refers veterans in need to Care 7.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Michelle Loposky shares with the Commission that ASU Veteran's Honors ceremony on May 1st will have virtual and drive through options. Chair Jeremy Farr requests for Commission members to forward questions or concerns about data from Veterans Survey to Octavia Harris. Octavia Harris reminds the Commission that the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's Red, White & Blue Ceremony is to be held virtually on April 14. Commission members are encouraged to attend as the Kyle Brayer award will be presented, registration will be paid for for any member interested.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – May 4, 2021

- Provide Aaron Peterson with Data

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next meeting will be on May 4, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Terrisa Mays

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission